

Exhibit J

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Washington, DC 20536-5009



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

May 10, 2012

EMILY CREIGHTON, ESQ.
AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL
1331 G. ST. NW SUITE 200
WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3141

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement seeking records related to:

1. An attorney's ability to be present during their clients' interactions with ICE;
2. What role attorneys may play during their clients' interactions with ICE;
3. Attorney conduct during interactions with ICE on behalf of their clients;
4. Attorney appearances at ICE offices or other facilities.

Your appeal, dated April 27, 2012, was received on April 30, 2012.

On behalf of the Chief for the Government Information Law Division, we acknowledge your appeal request of **2012FOIA8229** and are assigning it number **OPLA12-501** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.¹ While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact ICE FOIA at 1-202-732-0600, or by email at ice-foia@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Mathias".

Susan Mathias
Chief
Government Information Law Division
ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor
Department of Homeland Security

¹ Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.